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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Yamazaki *et al.*

Application No.: 10/661,790

Filing Date: September 11, 2003

For: MEMBRANE-BASED ASSAYS

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: FOSTER, C.

Confirmation No.: 9161

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- ☒ Enclosed
- ☒ An Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
 - ☒ A Petition for One-month Time Extension
 - ☒ An article cited in Amendment (Segota et al.)
 - ☒ A Check in the amount of \$455 covering the fees due.
- ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on *.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

2. Miscellaneous

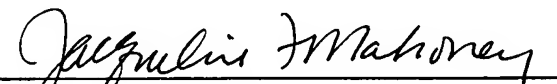
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.

- ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$520 covering the following fees due:
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) - \$395
 - ☒ One-month time extension fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) - \$60
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Sept. 11, 2006


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